

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-14 are pending. By this amendment, claims 4 and 11 are amended and claims 5 and 12 are canceled.

The Office Action rejects claims 4 and 11 over Ohkubo (USP 6,621,250), in view of Oba (JP 405199605A), and indicates that claims 5 and 12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

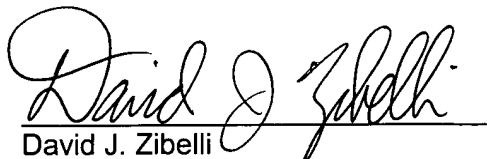
Because the subject matter of claims 5 and 12 has been incorporated into claims 4 and 11, respectively, it is submitted that the rejection should be withdrawn.

For the above reasons, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Prompt consideration and allowance are solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4232 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

The Office is authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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